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IN THE CLAIMS

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Add new claims 31-34 as follows:

1-30. (canceled)

31. A document processing apparatus comprising:

an image capture transport including (i) means for capturing images of physical documents, and (ii) means for providing information relating to physical documents which have been processed at the image capture transport;

an encoding transport including means for encoding physical documents;

a communication interface including (i) means for receiving information provided by the image capture transport, (ii) means for providing electronic messages based upon information received from the image capture transport, and (iii) means for wirelessly transmitting the electronic messages;

a physical receptacle for (i) containing physical documents which have been processed at the image capture transport, and (ii) allowing an operator to physically transport the physical receptacle along with physical documents contained therein from the image capture transport to the encoding transport for encoding of the physical documents at the encoding transport; and

an electronic label affixed to the physical receptacle and including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from the communication interface, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide an operator with visual information which relates to at least some of the physical documents contained in the physical receptacle when the operator physically transports the physical receptacle along with the physical documents contained

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therein from the image capture transport to the encoding transport for encoding of the physical documents at the encoding transport.

32. A document processing apparatus comprising:

a document processing station including (i) means for processing physical documents, (ii) means for providing information relating to physical documents which have been processed, and (iii) a physical display for displaying information which relates to at least some of the physical documents which have been processed;

a communication interface including (i) means for receiving information provided by the document processing station, (ii) means for providing electronic messages based upon information received from the document processing station, and (iii) means for wirelessly transmitting the electronic messages;

a physical receptacle for (i) containing physical documents which have been processed at the document processing station, and (ii) allowing an operator to physically transport the physical receptacle along with physical documents contained therein to a another document processing station for further processing of the physical documents at this other document processing station; and

an electronic label affixed to the physical receptacle and including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from the communication interface, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display of the electronic label to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide an operator with visual information which relates to at least some of the physical documents contained in the physical receptacle so that the operator can view the information which relates to the at least some of the physical documents which have been processed at the document processing station without having to move into the vicinity of the physical display of the document processing station to view the physical display of the document processing station.

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33. A document processing apparatus for enabling an operator to physically transport physical documents from a first document processing station which sorts physical documents into a plurality of physical sorting locations and which provides information relating to sorted physical documents to a second document processing station, the document processing apparatus comprising:

a plurality of physical document trays for (i) containing physical documents which have been sorted into the plurality of physical sorting locations at the first document processing station, (ii) allowing an operator to physically move physical documents from each of the plurality of physical sorting locations into a corresponding one of the plurality of physical document trays, and (iii) allowing the operator to physically transport the plurality of physical document trays along with physical documents contained therein from the first document processing station to the second document processing station for further processing of the physical documents at the second document processing station; and

a plurality of electronic labels associated with the plurality of physical document trays such that each of the plurality of electronic labels is affixed to a corresponding one of the plurality of physical document trays, each of the plurality of electronic labels including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from a communication interface which receives information provided by at least the first document processing station and which provides electronic messages based upon information received from the first document processing station, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide the operator with visual information which relates to at least some of the physical documents contained in the corresponding physical document tray.

34. A document processing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein each of the plurality of electronic labels has a unique address.

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